

REMARKS

Claims 51 and 53-58 were pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, applicants have amended claims 51 and 57, and added new claims 59 and 60. Support for amended claim 51 may be found *inter alia*, in the specification at page 2, line 17; page 4, lines 22-23; page 11, lines 31-34; page 12, lines 11-13; page 13, lines 10-22; page 22, lines 8-30; page 35, lines 32-34; page 36, lines 2-5. Applicants have amended claim 57 to delete the multiple dependency to claim 56 and have added new claims 59 and 60 which corresponds to this deleted subject matter of previously pending claim 57 and 58. Applicants maintain that no issue of new matter is raised by these amendments. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 51 and 53-60 will be pending and under examination.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph:

In the June 15, 2006 Final Office Action, the Examiner maintained the rejection of then pending claims 51 and 53-58 as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically, the Examiner stated that applicants were not in possession of an antibody against CCR5 even though CCR5 was known to mediate HIV-1 entry, its sequence was in the public domain prior to the effective filing date of the subject application, and a person skilled in the art knew how to make antibodies.

Applicants understand that the Examiner has put forward two rationales in support of this rejection as follows:

1. On page 4 of the June 15, 2006 Final Office Action, the Examiner stated that the claims are not adequately described because the specification only discloses a functional characteristic of CCR5 antibodies, i.e. binding to CCR5, but does not disclose any specific sequences or partial structures of the antibodies, or physical and/or chemical properties of the antibodies against CCR5. In support of this assertion, the Examiner cited M.P.E.P.

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§2163 and stated that "if a biomolecule is described only by a functional characteristic, without any disclosed correlation between function and structure, it is 'not [a] sufficient characteristic for written description purposes, even when accompanied by a method of obtaining the claimed sequence."

2. On page 5 of the June 15, 2006 Final Office Action, the Examiner stated that the specification fails to provide adequate written description for a genus of CCR5 antibodies. In support of this assertion, the Examiner cited *Regents of the University of California v. Eli Lilly & Co.*, [119 F.3d 1559,] 43 USPQ2d 1398 [(Fed. Cir. 1997)], wherein the court stated that "[a] written description of an invention involving a chemical genus, like a description of a chemical species, 'requires a precise definition, such as by structure, formula, [or] chemical name,' of the claimed subject matter sufficient to distinguish it from other materials." Citing *In Re Wilder*, 736 F.2d 1516, 222 USPQ2d 369 [(Fed. Cir. 1984)], the Examiner further stated that the written description requirement "requires a description not an indication of a result that one might achieve if one made the invention."

Response to Examiner's Rationale #1

In response to the Examiner's rationale 1, applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's ground of rejection and maintain that claim 51 as amended herein and claims 53-60 dependent thereon satisfy the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Applicants' invention as recited in amended claim 51 provides an isolated antibody which binds to a human CCR5 chemokine receptor on the surface of a CD4+ cell, wherein the antibody inhibits fusion of HIV-1 or a HIV-1 infected cell to the CD4+ cell, so as to thereby inhibit HIV-1 infection of such CD4+ cell.

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Applicants first note that, as indicated in M.P.E.P. §2163.04, a description as filed is presumed to be adequate and the examiner has the initial burden of presenting by a preponderance of evidence why a person skilled in the art would not recognize in applicants' disclosure a description of the invention defined by the claims to rebut the presumption that the description is adequate, citing *In Re Wertheim*, 541 F.2d 257, 262, 1991 USPQ 90, 96 (CCPA 1976) and *In Re Marzocchi*, 439 F.2d 220, 224, 169 USPQ 367, 370 (CCPA 1971). Applicants maintain that the Examiner has not presented a preponderance of evidence why applicants' disclosure is not adequate to satisfy the written description requirement.

According to M.P.E.P. §2163(I), "[t]o satisfy the written description requirement, a patent specification must describe the claimed invention in sufficient detail that one skilled in the art can reasonably conclude that the inventor had possession of the claimed invention. See, e.g., *Moba, B.V. v. Diamond Automation, Inc.*, 325 F.3d 1306, 1319, 66 USPQ2d 1429, 1438 (Fed. Cir. 2003); *Vas-Cas, Inc. v. Mahurkar*, 935 F2d. [1555] at 1563, 19 USPQ2d [1111] at 1116 [(Fed. Cir. 1991)]."

M.P.E.P. §2163(I) further states that "[a]n applicant shows possession of the claimed invention by describing the claimed invention with all its limitations using such descriptive means as words, structures, figures, diagrams, and formulas that fully set forth the claimed invention. *Lockwood v. American Airlines, Inc.*, 107 F3d. 1565, 1572, 41 USPQ2d 1961, 1966 (Fed. Cir. 1997). Possession may be shown in a variety of ways including description of an actual reduction of practice, or by showing that the invention was 'ready for patenting' such as the disclosure of drawings or structural formulas that show that the invention was complete, or by describing distinguishing characteristics sufficient to show that the applicant was in possession of the claimed invention. See, e.g. *Pfaff v. Wells Elecs., Inc.*, 525 U.S. 55, 68, 119 S. Ct. 304, 312, 48 USPQ2d 1641, 1647 (1998); *Eli Lilly* [supra], 119 F3d. at 1568, 43 USPQ2d at 1406; *Amgen Inc. v. Chugai Pharmaceutical*, 927 F2d. 1200, 1206, 18 USPQ2d 016,

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1021 (Fed. Cir. 1991) (one must define a compound by 'whatever characteristics sufficiently distinguish it'). 'Compliance with the written description requirement is essentially a fact-based inquiry that 'necessarily var[ies] depending on the nature of the invention claimed' *Enzo Biochem [Inc., v. Gen-Probe Inc.]*, 323 F.3d. [956] at 963, 63 USPQ2d [1609] at 1613 [(Fed. Cir. 2002)]." (emphasis added).

Applicants maintain that according to M.P.E.P. §2163(II)(A)(3)(a), characteristics which provide evidence that applicant was in possession of the claimed invention are: "complete or partial structure, other physical and/or chemical properties, functional characteristics when coupled with a known or disclosed correlation between structure and function, or some combination of such characteristics." (See *Enzo Biochem* [supra], 323 F.3d at 964, 63 USPQ2d at 1613). Furthermore, M.P.E.P. §2163(II)(A)(3)(a) indicates that for biomolecules, "examples of identifying characteristics include a sequence, structure, binding affinity, binding specificity, molecular weight, and length." (emphasis added)

As explained by the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in *Falkner v. Inglis*, 448 F.3d 1357, 1366, 79 USPQ2d 1001 [(Fed. Cir. 2006)], "(1) examples are not necessary to support the adequacy of a written description; (2) the written description standard may be met ... even where actual reduction to practice of an invention is absent; and (3) there is no per se rule that an adequate written description of an invention that involves a biological macromolecule must contain a recitation of known structure." (emphasis added).

Applicants note that as indicated in M.P.E.P. §2163(II)(A)(3)(a)(1), "there is an inverse correlation between the level of skill in the art and the specificity of disclosure necessary to satisfy the written description requirement. Information which is well known in the art need not be described in detail in the specification. See, e.g., *Hybritech, Inc. v. Monoclonal Antibodies, Inc.*, 802 F.2d 1367, 1379-80, 231 USPQ 81, 90 (Fed. Cir. 1986)." (emphasis added) In addition, M.P.E.P. §2163(II)(A)(2), citing *Vas-Cath* [supra], indicates that "if

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a skilled artisan would have understood the inventor to be in possession of the claimed invention at the time of filing, even if every nuance of the claims is not explicitly described in the specification, then the written description requirement is met."

With regard to the Examiner's first rationale, applicants maintain that the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit specifically addressed the question of adequate written description in the context of a claimed antibody in *Noelle v. Lederman*, 355 F.3d 1343, 1349, 69 USPQ2d 1508, 1514 (2004). In *Noelle*, the Court stated that disclosure of an antigen fully characterized by its structure, formula, chemical name, physical properties, or deposit in a public depository provides an adequate written description of an antibody claimed by its affinity to that antigen. Applicants maintain that the invention as recited in amended claim 51, i.e. an isolated antibody which binds to a *human CCR5 chemokine receptor on the surface of a CD4+ cell*, is an antibody claimed by its affinity to an antigen. Applicants note that, as the Examiner acknowledged on page 4 of the June 15, 2006 Final Office Action, the human CCR5 chemokine receptor sequence was in the public domain. Applicants further note that page 33, lines 3-17 and page 34, lines 23-30 of the specification describe the expression of the human CCR5 receptor in a CD4+ cell. Accordingly, applicants maintain that the specification provides an adequate written description for the claimed antibody defined by its affinity to a well known and fully characterized antigen, i.e. the human CCR5 chemokine receptor on the surface of a CD4+ cell.

Furthermore, applicants maintain that sufficient identifying characteristics of the claimed antibody are recited in amended claim 51 and described in the specification, i.e. an antibody which binds to the *human CCR5 chemokine receptor on the surface of a cell and inhibits fusion of HIV-1 or a HIV-1 infected cell to a CD4+ cell*. In this regard, the specification discloses, *inter alia*, at page 22, lines 8-30, CD4+ mammalian cells incapable of fusing with Hela-env_{JR-FL} or Hela-env_{LAI} cells prior to expressing the human CCR5 chemokine receptor on their surface. Such CD4+ cells after the human CCR5

chemokine receptor is expressed on their surface are able to fuse to Hela-env_{JR-FL} or Hela-env_{LAI} cells. The specification also discloses at page 31, lines 6-11 and in Table 3, that expression of the human CCR5 chemokine receptor in Hela-CD4+ cells rendered these cells readily infectible by primary HIV-1 strains in the env-complementation assay of HIV-1 entry, thus establishing that CCR5 is necessary for HIV-1 infection of these CD4+ cell.

Response to Examiner's Rationale #2

In response to the Examiner's rationale 2, applicants maintain that the specification adequately describes the claimed genus of antibodies to CCR5. Specifically, the specification discloses how to obtain the sequence of CCR5, which was already known in the art as of the effective filing date of the subject application. The specification also discloses how to make the claimed antibodies by expressing on the surface of a CD4+ cell the human CCR5 chemokine receptor protein encoded by the CCR5 nucleic acid sequence and then using these resulting transfected cells to generate antibodies by routine methods well known in the art. In addition, as stated above, the specification discloses that the claimed antibody inhibits the fusion of HIV-1 to CD4+/CCR5+ cells.

According to M.P.E.P. §2163(II)(A)(3)(a)(1)(ii), "[t]he written description requirement for a claimed genus may be satisfied through sufficient description of a representative number of species by actual reduction to practice (see [2163(II)(A)(3)(a)(1)]i)(A), above, reduction to drawings (see [2163(II)(A)(3)(a)(1)]i)(B), above, or by disclosure of relevant, identifying characteristics, i.e., structure or other physical and/or chemical properties, by functional characteristics coupled with a known or disclosed correlation between function and structure, or by a combination of such identifying characteristics, sufficient to show the applicant was in possession of the claimed genus (see [2163(II)(A)(3)(a)(1)]i)(C), above). See *Eli Lilly* [supra], 119 F.3d at 1568, 43 USPQ2d at 1406." Furthermore, M.P.E.P. §2163(II)(A)(3)(a)(1)(ii) states that "[w]hat constitutes a

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'representative number' is an inverse function of the skill and knowledge in the art. Satisfactory disclosure of a 'representative number' depends on whether one skilled in the art would recognize that applicant was in possession of the necessary common attributes or features of the elements possessed by the members of the genus in view of the species disclosed."

Applicants maintain that the skill and knowledge in the relevant art was high as of the effective filing date of the application. Thus, raising antibodies against a known antigen was routine. Applicants also maintain that the identifying characteristics and common attributes of the genus of claimed antibodies in amended claim 51 is adequately disclosed in the specification. Specifically, the common features of the claimed genus are (1) binding to the human CCR5 chemokine receptor on the surface of a CD4+ cell, and (2) inhibiting fusion of HIV-1, or a HIV-1-infected cell, to such a CD4+ cell. Indeed, the specification discloses, *inter alia* at page 28, line 23 to page 29, line 7 and Table 2, that the claimed antibodies have an inhibitory effect on fusion between CD4+/CCR5+ cells, e.g. PM1 cells, and Hela-env_{JR-FL} but have no inhibitory effect between such cells and Hela-env_{LAI}, thus confirming the specificity of the fusion process. Accordingly, applicants maintain that the disclosed identifying characteristics and common features of the claimed antibodies, coupled with the high level of skill in the art as of the effective filing date of the subject application, provide an adequate written description for the claimed genus.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants maintain that the specification when combined with the knowledge in the art readily convey to one skilled in the art that applicants were in possession of the claimed invention as of the effective filing date of their application. Accordingly, applicants maintain that the specification satisfies the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, with regard to amended claim 51 and claims 53-60 dependent thereon, and request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this ground of rejection.

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Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejections

1. Over Claims 98, 100-104 and 118-134 of U.S. Serial No. 09/594,983

The Examiner provisionally rejected previously pending claims 51 and 53-58 as allegedly unpatentable on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 98, 100-104 and 118-134 of U.S. Serial No. 09/594,983. The Examiner alleged that although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both sets of claims are drawn to a same product.

In response, applicants respectfully traverse this obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Without conceding the correctness of the Examiner's position, applicants note that this is a provisional rejection over the U.S. Serial No. 09/594,983 which is not an allowed application. Accordingly, if the claims of the subject application are otherwise allowable, the provisional double patenting rejection should be withdrawn and the claims in the subject application should be allowed to issue, whereupon the claims of the U.S. Serial No. 09/594,983 could be assessed in terms of whether an obviousness-type double patenting rejection over a patent issued from the subject application would be warranted.

2. Over Claims 99-108 of U.S. Serial No. 10/763,545

The Examiner provisionally rejected previously pending claims 51 and 56-58 as allegedly unpatentable on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 99-108 of U.S. Serial No. 10/763,545. The Examiner alleged that although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both sets of claims are drawn to a same product.

In response, applicants respectfully traverse this obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Without conceding the correctness of the

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Examiner's position, applicants note that this is a provisional rejection over the U.S. Serial No. 10/763,545 which is not an allowed application. Accordingly, if the claims of the subject application are otherwise allowable, the provisional double patenting rejection should be withdrawn and the claims in the subject application should be allowed to issue, whereupon the claims of the U.S. Serial No. 10/763,545 could be assessed in terms of whether an obviousness-type double patenting rejection over a patent issued from the subject application would be warranted.

3. Over Claims 1-5, 18 and 31 of U.S. Serial No. 10/371,483

The Examiner maintained the provisional rejection of previously pending claims 51 and 53-58 as allegedly unpatentable on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-5, 18 and 31 of U.S. Serial No. 10/371,483.

In response, applicants respectfully traverse this obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Without conceding the correctness of the Examiner's position, applicants note that U.S. Serial No. 10/371,483 is now U.S. Patent No. 7,122,185 issued October 17, 2006. Applicants maintain that if upon entry of this Amendment, the pending claims are otherwise deemed allowable, applicants will consider filing a Terminal Disclaimer.

In view of the remarks set forth above, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the grounds of rejection set forth in the June 15, 2006 Final Office Action, and respectfully request allowance of claim 51, as amended, and claims 53-60 dependent thereon.

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following references which are listed on the PTO-1449 (substitute) form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.92(a)(2)(ii), copies of U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent Application Publications need not be provided. Accordingly, copies of documents listed below as items 1-32 are not submitted herewith. Copies of the documents listed below as items 33-232 are attached hereto as **Exhibits 1-200**.

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6. U.S. Patent No. 5,126,433 issued December 21, 1989 to P.J. Maddon et al.;
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34. Pending claims in W.C. Olson et al., U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/581,945 filed October 16, 2006 (**Exhibit 2**);

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37. Pending claims in W.C. Olson et al., U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/316,078 filed December 21, 2005 (**Exhibit 5**);
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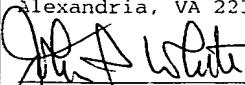
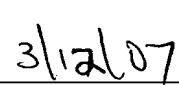
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